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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Further to the Response filed July 8, 2003, the Notice of Appeal filed August 19, 2003 and in reply to the final Office Action dated February 19, 2003 and Advisory Action dated July 25, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is hereby requested.

A request for a one-month extension to extend the period to file an Appeal Brief and maintain pendency of the application to November 19, 2003 is included herewith.

Please amend the claims as indicated herein.